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SUBJECT: MK AHARON YARIV LEAVES LABOR PARTY FOR DMC

- 1. ON MAY 1 FORMER MINISTER OF INFORMATION AHARON YARIV ANNOUNCED THE HAD QUIT THE LABOR PARTY AND RESIGNED HIS KNESSET SEAT TO JOIN THE DMC. HE INDICATED THAT, AFTER HOPING THAT THE ALIGNMENT WOULD CHANGE FROM WITHIN, HE HAD FINALLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT COULD NOT BE TRUSTED TO KEEP ITS PROMISES. ALKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE POST-ELECTION COALITION INCLUDING THE DMC AND THE LIKUD, YARIV SAID HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE OF SUCH A PARTNERSHIP.
- 2. YARIV, WHO HEADED MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DURING THE 1967 WAR, AND RESIGNED HIS INFORMATION PORTFOLIO IN 1976 AFTER DESAGREEING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, HAD DECLINED TO RUN IN THE CURRENT KNESSET CAMPAIGN. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER OF STRATEGIC STUDIES, A THINK TANK SOON TO BE SET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UP AT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY. ALTHOUGH NOT AN UNWELCOME ADDITION TO THE DMC, COMING AT THIS LATE DATE HIS SWITCH WILL NOT HAVE MUCH IMPACT. IN BACKGROUND AND OUTLOOK HE RESEMBLES SEVERAL OF THER PERSONALITIES ALREADY IN THE DMC LEADERSHIP (E.G., MEIR AMIT) AND THUS DOES LITTLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO BROADEN THE DMC'S APPEAL AMONG

WORKING CLASS AND DISADVANTAGED ISRAELIS--AN AREA WHERE THE DMC CONTINUES TO BE WEAK. DUNNIGAN

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